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A Plot to Grab Airliner, Fly 40 Over Wall Told

East Berlin, Aug. 6 (Reuters)

—A German accused of acting as a Western secret agent told a court here today of a plan to fly 40 people over the Berlin Wall to the West in an East German airliner with the pilot held at pistol-point.

People who wanted to get to the West were to book on the same service flight of Interflug, the East German airline, from Leipzig Fair to East Berlin, Werner Baecker, 29, told the East German High Court.

Claims Offer of \$2,500

Baecker, one of three Germans on trial, said he had been offered about \$2,500 to act as "killer on duty" in the airliner by two men who ran an organization in West Berlin for getting people to the West.

The plan was to shoot the co-pilot in the legs during the flight and order the pilot at gunpoint to land in West Berlin, Baecker told the court.

Plan to Take Over

If the pilot refused he was to be "put out of action" and another man would take over the plane. But, Baecker added, "I told them I would not have anything to do with armed actions."

Baecker said he left East Germany to go to the West at the age of 12 in 1950. He began working for the escape organization—described by the prosecution as a terror organization directed by the American and West German secret services—to make money when he ran into debt. He was arrested June 1 in Bulgaria.